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For the Housing Committee
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In Support of:

H.B. No. 6138, An Act Concerning Mobility Counseling for Subsidized Housing

Good Moring Chairman Butler, Winfield, and honorable members of the Housing Committee.

As Chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, I would like to express our strong support for **H.B. 6138, *An Act Concerning Mobility Counseling for Subsidized Housing***.

H.B. 6138 would require all Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in Connecticut to provide comprehensive mobility counseling to their clients for all housing options that they are eligible for throughout the state, regardless of their current town of residence.

This legislation would eliminate the use of current town residency status to restrict eligibility for subsidized housing. Too often those in subsidized housing are not provided with full and necessary information about their housing status. Our citizens need to be protected and educated on all of their eligible housing options. The purpose of subsidized housing is to promote non-discrimination and ensure fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

Let us continue that mission with this counseling to further ensure more transparency between the Public Housing Authorities and our communities.

Thank you chairmen and committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rep. Bruce V. Morris".

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